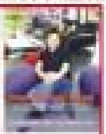


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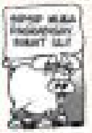
First film to premiere at the Vatican, but first its director had to deal with teenage star's pregnancy, a cow diva and a donkey with a rear ailment.

SUNDAY INQUIRER MAGAZINE

• **Shop, don't drop:** 7 more tips to survive season's splurging • 168 reasons to shop in Divisoria • 10 things to remember when selling to Pinoys • Bench's 10 most successful ad campaigns



To get pork, butter up the boss, senators told



By Delmar Cariño, Inquirer Northern Luzon, and Juliet L. Javellana, in Manila

LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET—Doctor's advice: If all else fails, butter up the boss. Sen. Juan Flavier yesterday...

TO GET PORK/ A4

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER Sunday
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Radioactive poison killed ex-Russian spy

LONDON—FORMER SPY ALEXANDER LITVINENKO, probably poisoned with a highly toxic radioactive substance, on Friday (Saturday in Manila) accused Russian President Vladimir Putin of his murder from beyond the grave.

Litvinenko accused Putin of direct involvement, according to a letter his friend and spokesperson said the former spy wrote on his death bed and which was read Friday.

RADIOACTIVE/ A11

GMA back in hospital

3rd time in 5 months; docs say nothing to worry about

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

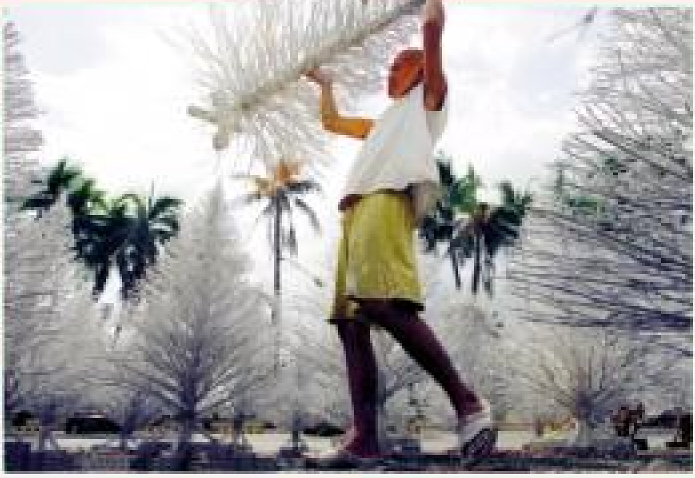
FOR THE THIRD TIME IN five months, President Macapagal-Arroyo checked into St. Luke's Medical Center—and doctors immediately shot down concerns that there was something seriously wrong with her.

If there is anything the doctors would want Ms Arroyo to do, it is to cut down on her work schedule to improve her health, Dr. Juliet Gopez-Cervantes said yesterday at a hastily called press conference in the hospital lobby.

"We assure all Filipinos there is nothing to worry about," Cervantes said.

Cervantes also said that "if there is

GMA/ A6



HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS 'Tis that most beloved of seasons for all Christian Filipinos and all through the land everyone is stirring, especially vendors of all things Christmas. Take Ernil Borromeo, a furniture maker, who moonlights as a sidewalk vendor of little holiday trees made of twigs along Roxas Boulevard in Pasay City. For only P75 each, yuletide shoppers don't have to break the bank to make merry.

Mothers take up slain/missing daughters' advocacy

By Norman Bordadora

MEETING MICKEY MOUSE, WATCHING American football live and honeymooning with her ideal man whom she had yet to meet were among the life goals that Bergeline "Beng" Hernandez had listed in her journal in 1999.

Beng, then barely out of her teens, was an accounting major who had switched to literature. She was the features editor of the Ateneo de Davao University's Atenews, and also on her list was taking up journalism as a career.

The list likewise included a cryptic "going full-time," which, her mother Evangeline said, must have meant that Beng would take a leave from her studies to work with the human rights group Karapatan.

But to the military based in Andap Valley, North Cotabato, "going full-time" must have meant going underground, lugging a rifle and marching with the communist New People's Army.

On April 5, 2002, Beng, then deputy secretary general of Karapatan-Southern Mindanao and vice president of the College Editors' Guild of the Philippines-Mindanao, was killed allegedly by militia gunfire.

The bullets pierced her neck and broke her face.

With a full life ahead of her and all the time in the world to travel to Disneyland and to watch the Packers at Green Bay, she had run out of time. She would have turned 25 on Nov. 21.

Beng was among the 46 human rights defenders honored yesterday by rights groups Karapatan and Hustisya and the women's alliance Gabriela on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, set by the United Nations every Nov. 25.

The UN declared the day to remember the Mirabal sisters of the Dominican Republic, who were killed for their fervent opposition to the dictatorship of Rafael Trujillo.

The Mirabal sisters—Patria, Minerva and Maria Teresa—were active in the resistance against Trujillo in the 1950s.

They were clubbed to death by Trujillo's secret police on Nov. 25, 1960, and their bodies were piled into a jeep that was pushed over a cliff to make their deaths look like an accident.

The murder of the three sisters outraged the public. Six months later in 1961, Trujillo was assassinated.

On Dec. 17, 1999, the UN General Assembly designated Nov. 25 as the annual date for the International Day for the Elimination of Violence

MOTHERS/ A6

Micro-loans empower women entrepreneurs

By Doris C. Dumlao

TWO WOMEN—A FORMER FACTORY worker who now runs a thriving peanut butter business and a handicraft manufacturer who once worked as a household helper to put herself through school—have earned top honors for setting up microfinance businesses that unshackled their families from poverty while creating jobs in their communities.

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. said there were now nearly 220 rural and thrift banks with microfinance operations reaching out to 630,000 microentrepreneurs, with an outstanding portfolio of P3.8 billion as of end-June 2006.

At Citigroup's 4th annual Microentrepreneur of The Year (MOTY) Awards held at the Metropolitan Museum on Friday, 36-year-old Jennilyn Antonio of Sta. Rosa, Laguna, bagged first prize in the "Maunlad" category while Consuelo Valenzuela, 33, of Baler, Aurora, won the top prize in the "Masikap" category.

The Maunlad category is open to those who nurtured businesses to a level of generating employment for people apart from household or family members. The Masikap Award is for people who started businesses that became reliable sources of income for their families.

The two national awardees each bagged P150,000 in cash prize.

Antonio supplies her own Jillell peanut butter brand to bakeries in Laguna and to AAA, a 30-store bread chain in Metro Manila, and has secured a contract to supply all 308 branches of

MICRO-LOANS/ A10



ROYALTY AT THE MANDARIN HOTEL President Macapagal hosts Britain's Duke of York, Prince Andrew, here on an official two-day visit to mark the 60th anniversary of the opening of RP-UK diplomatic relations and to meet with CEOs of British companies. The prince left yesterday morning. (Story on Page A3.)

Medical tourists flock to Greenhills flea market

By Christian V. Esguerra

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THE GREENHILLS "tiangge" is a major come-on for foreigners to try the country's medical tourism program.

Take this elderly foreigner who recovered quite nicely from a procedure called blepharoplasty or surgery to remove fat and excess skin from the upper and lower eyelids. She was excited to show off her new and "younger" look and shop at the famous tiangge (flea market) in San Juan.

Her flight back to her native land could wait, she said. She wanted to buy some pearls—South Sea and fresh water—fake designer bags and shoes and, of course, pirated DVDs.

According to Health Undersecretary Jade del Mundo, the tiangge at the Greenhills shopping center is a popular destination for foreigners after surgery.

"They really request that they be brought to Greenhills," Del Mundo, who is in charge of the Philippine Medical Tourism Program (PMTP), told the Inquirer Wednesday night.

He said the tiangge was particularly

MEDICAL/ A10

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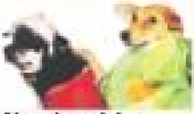


Avenging Shiites torch mosques, homes in Sunni enclave as Iraq leaders plead for calm one day after the worst bomb attack since the US invasion

WORLD / A22

And now a few words from the Duke of York, Prince Andrew, on how to attract investments to RP.

NEWS / A3



Abandoned dog romps off with 'Pinakamagandang hayop sa balat ng lupa' title in first beauty pageant for 'askal' (mongrels)

METRO / A19

Strong waves capsized boat off Surigao del Norte; 14 killed, 58 rescued, an unknown number of passengers still missing

NEWS / A6

Second FRONTPAGE

Yank's alleged beheader nabbed

ZAMBOANGA CITY—MILITARY INTELLIGENCE agents have arrested the Abu Sayyaf leader who allegedly beheaded a captive United States tourist in Mindanao in June 2001.

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EU fears death penalty revival

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RP needs more infrastructure, says Andrew

A lot of mistrust

Private visit

Highly admired



Pag-Ibig cuts housing loan rates

By Cynthia D. Balana

DSWD makes holiday giving easy

By Cynthia D. Balana


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RP lacks will to clean up air, says int'l group

Salonga joins groups fighting RP-Japan pact

Toxic waste

Public awareness campaign

2 ways of rejecting

The Daily Gospel



'YOU PUT YOUR LEFT FOOT IN...'

Solon pushes anti-rabies bill after death of Japanese man

Ka Bel to renew wedding vows under hospital guard



ENVIRONMENT Secretary Angelo T. Reyes (third from left) is joined by Miss Earth beauties Alexandra Braun, Reena and Ginger Conejero on a tour of the Cleanway Technology Plant conducted by Hermo Group chair and CEO Hermenegildo Fugoso (left) and Ronny de Castro, CTC president (right).

Cavite firm zaps toxic waste

HAZARDOUS MEDICAL and industrial waste are now being treated at the waste treatment facility of Cleanway Technology Corp. (CTC) in Silang, Cavite.

Located on a 1.5-hectare lot at the Meridian Industrial Complex in Silang, the CTC facility is the first and only integrated hazardous waste treatment facility in the country.

CTC processes biomedical waste from the National Capital Region and Calabarzon, which account for about 70 percent of the country's total hazardous wastes each year.

The waste treatment facility was put up by the Hermo Group in June 2005, with support from the Development Bank of the Philippines' Environmental Infrastructure Credit Program.

In a recent visit to the plant, Environment Secretary Angelo Reyes lauded the progress made by the facility after just less than a year of operations.

Laudable

"This is a welcome investment," Reyes told reporters after doing the rounds of the facility on Thursday. "The efforts of this company came without a quick return on its investment, are truly laudable.

"The issue of concern in putting environment protection has been addressed."

Together with Reyes were the outgoing Miss Earth, Alexandra Braun, and her court and Hermo Group chair and CEO Hermenegildo Fugoso.

Fugoso also unveiled an expansion plan that would increase the facility's treatment capacity.

Using the venture's treatment, CTC has adopted various foreign and local technologies, including state-of-the-art in-house environmental laboratory that ensures the integrity of the process of treating industrial waste.

The Hydroclave technology from Canada, which uses an advanced steam-sterilization process that meets the highest disinfection standard available, is used to treat infectious medical waste.

Noli calls on private sector to help end violence vs women

Usual victims

To get pork . . .

Abolish it

'Source of evil'

P6.2 billion

Such arrogance

Mothers take up slain/missing . . .

Shot at close range

Emboldened



Justice for all

GMA back in hospital, third time in 5 months

Routine checkup

Battery of tests

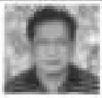
Matter of confidentiality

Craving for chocolate

Part of state of the nation

Boat sinks off Surigao; 14 killed

By Franklin Caligoid
Inquirer Mindanao









Micro-loans empower women entrepreneurs

The other winners

Next area of success

Secret recipe

It's all in the taste

Feeling fulfilled

The criteria

Medical tourists flock to Greenhills flea market

4 different offers

Global exposure







Radioactive poison killed ex-Russian spy

No random killing

Radioactive risk

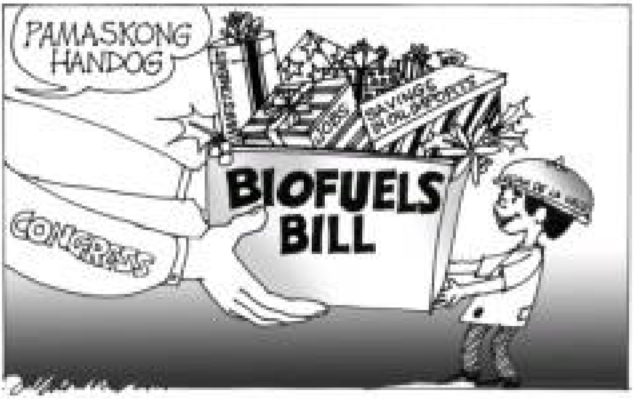
Terror from within

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Finally, a fixed term for the AFP chief

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The easy life

AT LARGE



Rina Jimenez-David

UP and the case for state subsidy

PUBLIC LIVES



Randy David

It begins with a kiss

REBEL WITHOUT A CLUE



Patricia Evangelista

TALK of the TOWN

Girls as 'Boy Scouts'

A RIFT BETWEEN THE BOY SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GIRL Scouts of the Philippines developed when the BSP national executive board approved on Aug. 26 a resolution that states that girls aged between 13 and 17 could be accepted into the BSP's senior scout section.

GSP officials were "astounded" by the BSP's "clear disregard" of the GSP's rights as a national organization. GSP National President Teresita B. Chou opposes the resolution and demands that it be withdrawn.

But Maximino Edralin Jr., BSP national public relations commissioner, says the involvement of women in the BSP is unavoidable. "Ninety percent of boy scouts are students. They are trained by teachers, majority of whom are women. You even see these teachers wearing boy scout uniforms," he says.

Edralin clarifies reports that the BSP plans to recruit girls actively. "The organization just wants to allow them to participate in its activities," he says. He adds that girls who plan to join the BSP will still be required to first register with the GSP and to seek their parents' consent.

But Chou says this will mislead the girls into thinking "they can be in both organizations." She also objects to House Bill No. 1517, which seeks to rename the Boy Scouts of the Philippines into "Scouts Philippines," saying "no clear benefit" will come out of it.

Edralin says the proposed Scouts Philippines will still recognize the existence of the GSP. "The GSP national president will even be a member of its national executive board," he says.

The BSP and GSP are scheduled to hold a dialogue at the end of the month. *Cyril Bonabente*



WHY THE BSP WANTS GIRLS TO JOIN IT

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WHY THE GSP OBJECTS

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Scouting in the Philippines

By Cyril L. Bonabente
INQUIRER Research

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The Scout Oath

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The Scout Law

A Scout is:

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Did you know?

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BSP

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INQUIRER Mindanao

PAF school for poor kids takes flight

GISELLE DEL PRADO is only 5 years old but can memorize passages from the Bible, recite the alphabet and count from one to 100.



CHILDREN are excited to go on a field trip after completing the 14-

Street kid

Age requirement

Grateful parents

MILF leaders uncertain of resuming talks

COTABATO CITY—THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE MORO Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) has started meeting on Thursday to decide whether or not to resume talking peace with the government, a senior rebel leader said yesterday.

'Christmas House' in Dumaguete brings holiday mood for 18th year



ALL ABOARD!



EXPOSED

Bishop tags Cha-cha push of GMA, allies as 'desperate' move



CRUZ

Local execs respond to GMA, plan for Cha-cha

Power firm says some workers want to keep jobs, but get severance pay

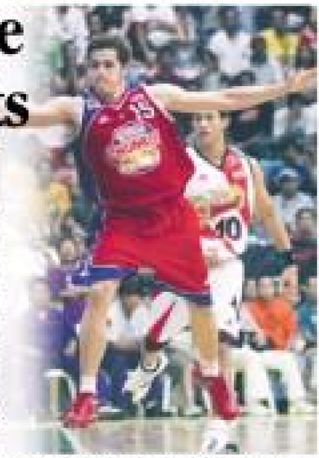
Water top NGO meet agenda

Sunday Sports

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Beermen pounce on listless Giants



Jaca seeks WBO title vs Marquez

Nietes KOs Indon



Tigers, Lions clash in Homegrown Cup

Sy, Zoleta dispute PCA singles crown



Aplus METRO

The 'askal' gets its place in the sun

Underrated mongrels show off poise and form to win the ribbon in unique pageant



A CONTESTANT strikes a pose during the casual wear portion of the contest.

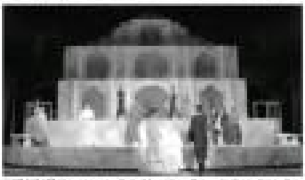


TALA (left), the top winner and Cass, the first runner-up, pose for photographers.

Rediscovering history in outdoor theater, music



"A Walk Back in Time" will transport the audience back to the Spanish colonial period.



"WE WANT (them) to actually feel how it really was in those times."

Probe results show intern not liable for patient's death

The 'askal' gets its place in the sun



PRETTY Girl, who broke her hind legs when her previous master threw her from a two-story building, was Miss Photogenic.



ONLY 10 out of 50 applicants made it to the finals.

Over ₱1-M fake branded products seized

Firm robbed

GLOBAL Pinoy



His vivid neon dream comes true in Londontown

Annie Batungbakal

First videoke



FM BAR: Where Filipinos in England [illegible] to wine, dance and sing

What's on the menu

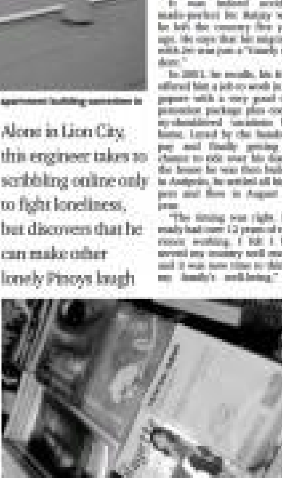
'Crazy' blogger documents his life, work in Singapore, US



Pinoy humor

Book publishing

Alone in Lion City, this engineer takes to scribbling online only to fight loneliness, but discovers that he can make other lonely Pinoys laugh



Looking Back

No place like home

The WORLD

Shiites take revenge, torch mosques



BAGHDAD—GUNMEN BENT ON REVENGE burned mosques and homes in a Sunni enclave of Baghdad on Friday as Iraq's leaders pleaded for calm, a day after the worst bomb attack since the US invasion.

Business as usual in US as outrage over Bush wiretaps bears little fruit



AUTUMN IN KYOTO

Rwanda breaks ties with France

WorldBriefs

UN says Israel planted mines in Lebanon

Nepal vigilantes destroy arms after pact

EU, Russia reach deal on overflights

Thai schools to close after teacher killings

UN finds mass grave in Congo army camp

Sunday SPORTS

De la Hoya sues Arum over Pacman promotion deal

RP bets warned against Asiad eating splurge

Little rest, more joy for Manny





WHAT'S INSIDE

Boozer outshines Bryant as hot Jazz down Lakers



FIL-AM SENIORS

Rural Bankers, Falken lead

Fans just can't have enough of Pacman

IN HUDDLE



Bernis faces stiff fight in Samsung Am finals



NGAP-Jungolf school season winds up in 3 venues today

Aguilar, Robinson renew rivalry

Dableo, Laylo eye GM titles in Doha Asiad

Baguio FC routs Nomads for Alaska football title

SPORTSWATCH

S. Cotabato cagers prevail

Southwoods November tourney on

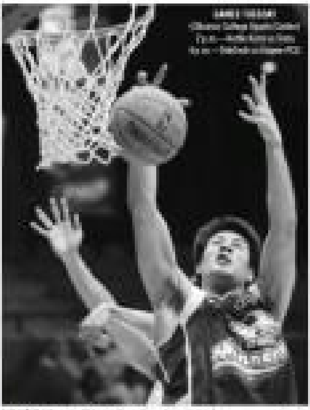
Olympics of cockfighting at Araneta

Cavite 7-cock international derby set

Bigtime cockers join SJC cockfest

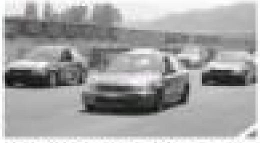
Casey Cup fund-raiser at Valley tomorrow

Hapee, Magnolia win



By Jasmine W. Payo

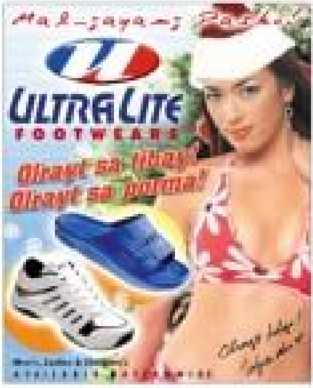
Subic Raceway hosts Touring Car finale



Sunday SPORTS



Boozer outshines Bryant as hot Jazz down Lakers



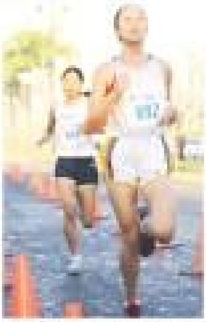
Singh shares lead; Miñoza 8 shots away



SINGH

Quezon nips Taiwan five

Sabal, Tolentino register contrasting 10K victories







Sunday Biz





Big man in pharma industry named 'Tiny'

Humanities graduate targets Asia and US for his products



CALAMBA CITY—PEOPLE have been calling him "Tiny" since his childhood because his elder brother, "Bigboy," is taller than him. But they had no hint that someday he would be pioneering a company manufacturing growth-promoting vitamins, now popularly known as Cherifer.

Small capital

Quality

Transforming businesses into great enterprises

The art of mentoring entrepreneurs

Goings-on

Three generations of cooking passion creates Marasa



A sole from Singapore



Big man in pharmaceutical industry named . . .





Boom or new bubble? Internet stocks are red hot again

Lenten hobby turns international



A WORKER of Sally's crafts does the finishing of Christmas decors.

TV spot

Export

Developing products

Sunday Biz

Lenten hobby turns international

69-year old ex-teacher's creations adorn Christmas trees abroad

By Nina Catherine Calleja
Inquirer Southern Luzon

LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA—WHO would have thought that Salvacion Navarro's hobby of creating handmade Christmas decors and gifts during the Lenten season would eventually become an international venture?

For the past 12 years, Sally's Crafts initiated by Navarro has penetrated markets outside of the town, from the United States to Europe and other Asian countries.

Navarro, 69, was a high school teacher at the University of the Philippines Rural High School (UPRHS) for 36 years.

A graduate of a Home Technology course from the UP College of Agriculture in 1964, she taught her students how to make handicrafts in a Home Economics subject and guided them in creating Christmas decors as part of school projects.

In her spare time, Navarro made crafts as gifts for relatives and friends. In 1998, howe-

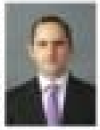
LENTEN HOBBY B2



SALVACION Navarro with her Christmas handicrafts.

Money in the Bank

Financial Services Vertical Industry Manager





PHOTOGRAPHER Raymond Isaac with models Vicky Morales, Angel Locsin, Bea Palanca, Wilma Doesnt, Pia Guanio and Phoemela Baranda.

Letting my hair down… and down



I get to play Rapunzel while Imelda Marcos gets to wow the fashionista crowd with her jewelry and signature black pouf. Take that, Paris

ONCE UPON A time, there was a princess named Rapunzel, locked up in a tower and waiting for a prince to come and ask her to let down her golden hair.

Tessa!
Tessa Prieto-Valdes

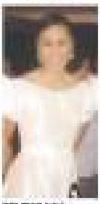






Letting my hair down… and down











Fairy-tale Xmas at the malls





Amadeus Mozart rocks Cebu

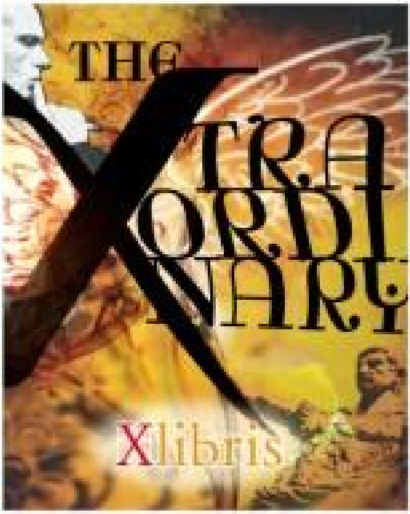
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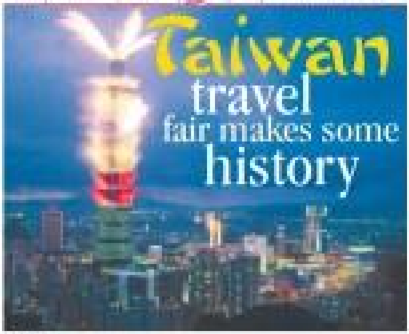






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Sunday LIFESTYLE



TAIPEI 101

In the international fair's 20 years, this was the first time China participated—with some 500 delegates

STORY ON PAGE D3


REPRESENTATIVES from numerous countries open Taipei International Travel Fair 2006.


A TOAST to Philippine tourism by DOT Usec. Phineas Alburo, Taiwan Vice Minister Ho Nuan-hsuan, Philippine Rep. Antonio Basilio, PAL country manager Emily Lin and DOT Taiwan representative Gerard Panga

Taiwan travel fair makes some history


PUERTA Isabel II in ice



ELECTRONIC billboard welcomes visitors to the fair.

Text and photos by Constantino C. Tejero

NOTHING CAN BE MORE inopportune than mounting an international travel fair at a time when the place is in political turmoil. That was just what happened when the Taipei International Travel Fair (TITF) was held early this month.


REPRESENTATIVES Basilio and Undersecretary Alburo hand plaques to Philippine tourism endorsers Eric Huang and Vicky Tseng.



Taiwanese's photo documentary of the Philippines


SOPRANO Olivia Rocha and tenor Lemuel de la Cruz belt out in the Philippine pavilion.


BANDA Kawayan at the fair's opening ceremony

Grandest booths

Small pavilion

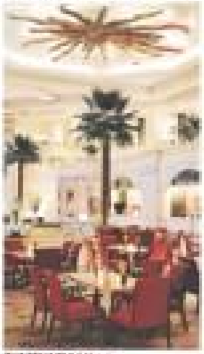

BACK-BREAKING performance from Mongolia

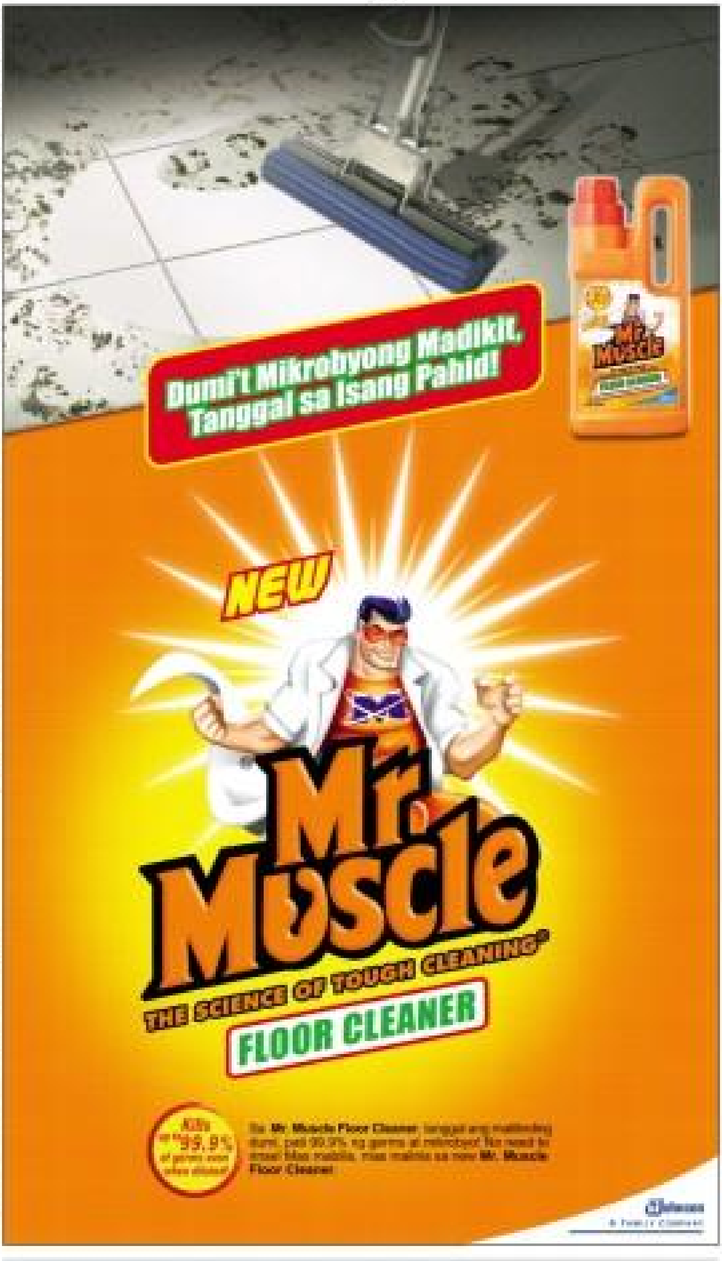

A BOOTH that's small but snazzy


TAIWANESE shoppers interested in images of the Philippines


CULTURAL show in the underground mall

Makati hotel rated as among world's best





Oasis of luxury on Boracay



HOLIDAY FAMILY GETAWAY





Travel Briefs

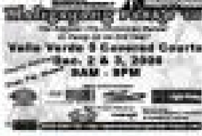
Saranggani getaway

Winter in Hong Kong

Travel packages

Miles program has treat for online bookers

Sunday LIFESTYLE





FREDERICK Peralta and celebrity endorser Cory Quirino at SM Makati

Frederick Peralta and Rajo Laurel invite you to sleep with them, in a manner of speaking. Any takers?



In bed with designer-linen

Text by Alex Y. Vergara

YOU'VE PROBABLY WORN their clothes before. Now you can also "sleep" with these fashion designers, or at least their latest creations, as SM introduces "couture" beddings by Frederick Peralta and Rajo Laurel.

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Younger

[illegible]


MARINE inspired


PINK perfection


CHOCOLATE and marshmallow


MELANIE Marquez lets her hair down in Peralta's all-white ensemble.


MINIMALIST lines are a far cry to Peralta's larger-than-life evening gowns.

In bed with designer-linen

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Apart from dealing with SM, Laurel and Peralta have had to work with Canadian to realize their respective visions. The firm has been in the business of manufacturing infant wear, towels and bed linens since 1972.

Canadian also holds the distinction of being the exclusive local manufacturers of bedding lines that feature such characters as Mickey Mouse, Winnie the Pooh and Barbie. It also represents Warner Bros. and NBA in the Philippines.

Both collections are made of 100 percent cotton with a "thread count" not lower than 300. Thread count, by the way, is one measure you can use to gauge an item's softness and durability.

"It's basically the number of thread that makes up the weave, say, of a blanket or pillow case," said Cristina Moreno, operations manager of Canadian. "The higher the thread count, the more durable and smoother a particular piece is."

If you think thread count is the last thing on the minds of Filipino consumers nowadays, think again. Not only have they become more informed shoppers, they've also become more demanding.

"As a rule, any (bedroom-related) item with a thread count below 160 is inferior," said Moreno. "A growing number of consumers are now aware of this."

As for Laurel and Peralta, this won't probably be the last of their forays into people's bedrooms. This early, the latter is now busy working on his second series of custom beddings.

Whatever his inspirations are, Peralta promises to stay away from loud, complex and unfinished looks as far as bed sheets and pillow cases are concerned.

E-mail the author at [illegible]@inquirer.com.ph


SM'S DESIGNER series is made of 100-percent cotton with a 300-thread count.

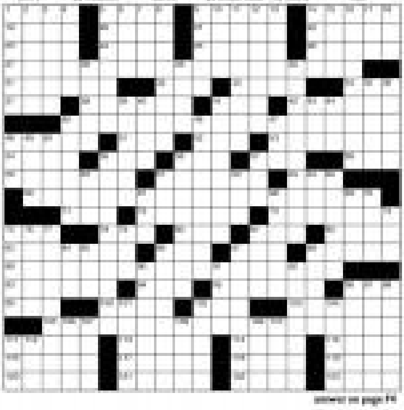

MOONBEAM collection includes fitted sheet, matching pillowcases and a duvet.


RAJO Laurel unveils his Home Collection at Our Home in The Block.


SUMMER in Paris by Laurel

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Holiday Zen for the home

THE COUNTRY'S FURNITURE expert, Abra, offers the following tips to help you create a relaxing and harmonious ambiance for your home:

1. Opt for less. Try Fenomeno Italy multi-purpose. Abra offers multipurpose and mix-and-match pieces to solve the clutter in your home. Try Abra's [illegible] coffee table at [illegible].

2. Keep to the bare essentials and remove anything that does not have a specific use. Then, choose one or two items for decoration. Check out the stylish Italia and Marni [illegible] which make interesting accent pieces.

3. Choose each item with care to avoid a bizarre or haphazard look. This makes it possible for you to create space for ideas to grow and breathing room to your spirits at life. Choose from Abra's streamlined bedroom collections.

4. Go for well-placed lighting. Strategically placed lighting fixtures create ever-changing dramatics throughout the home and result in a flow of positive energy.

5. Choose natural or earth tones and create a little drama by highlighting one contrasting color. Use this sparingly, though. Check out the [illegible] bed and make it the center of attraction.

Abra outlets are at 2/L, [illegible] Mary E. Rodriguez St. [illegible], Q.C.; 4/L, [illegible] Mall Centre, [illegible], Arnaiz St., Makati; and at 3/L, [illegible] Bldg., [illegible] Road, Mandaluyong.

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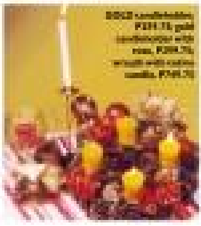






Hassle-free shopping and home decorating





Manila Cathedral's newly restored pipe organ ready for festival

PURELY PERSONAL
Josephine Darang

MSGR. NESTOR CERBO'S dream has come true. After two years of fundraising and restoration work, the pipe organ of the Manila Cathedral is now fully restored and will be used for a pipe organ festival from Dec. 1-10.

> The musicfest will feature famous Belgian organist Luc Ponet

Archbishop Talamayan

Spanish organist



THE PIPE organ of the Manila Cathedral



Blessed Sacrament procession

Fundraising golf game

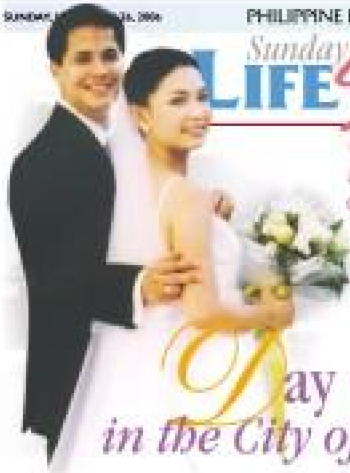
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Mapua Institute holds grand reunion Dec. 2

Un-furgettable children's party

Sunday LifeStyle





Coco Mauricio and Pat Kierulf exchange vows in a glittering ceremony in Bangkok's Assumption Cathedral

Day of love in the City of Smiles


HENRY and Jojo Zabarte, Jojo and Tina Riorell and Casey and Louie Riorell


WITH PALS from Manila: Jojo Bautista, Ros Lingao and May and Floyd Padernal


THE BRIDE with her close pals Lia Padilla, Anna Paez and Karen Bortone


THE BEST man Chris Duran, with Jones Ballon and Dean Aragon roasting the couple


AMAZINGLY helpful are the wedding coordinators in Bangkok, Lilibeth Van Herwin; the couple; Lizeth de Dios and Gina Abastorias, all three Filipino wives of expats living in Bangkok

Day of love in the City of Smiles

By Maurice Arcache

IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A TYPICAL summer afternoon in Bangkok, but for quite a few visitors in that beautiful city, it was much sunnier and brighter than usual, pakinggan.

That's because it was a truly special day for proud parents Antonio and Maria Fe Mauricio and Jojo and Christina Riorell. Their youngest son and daughter, respectively, said their "till death do us part" vows in front of over 150 invitees from all over the world who jetted in to the City of Smiles to witness the special moment, dahlings.

Coco Mauricio, 33 years old and country manager at Johnson & Johnson, and Pat Riorell, 28, the assistant directress of that prestigious school, the Sacred Heart Academy in Bangkok, made their commitment of a lifetime after only a year of meeting each other. For others it may have seemed fast, but for Coco and Pat, their wedding was the appropriate culmination of something "that was meant to be."

The Assumption Cathedral, which stands beside the Chao Praya River, was the chosen site for the holy matrimony. The church is one of the oldest in Thailand, and its French baroque-style architecture is a sight to behold. The venue is special to the couple, because it was here where Coco made his engagement proposal to Pat back in October 2005.

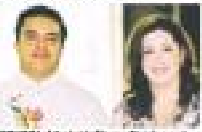
By 3 p.m. the guests had started arriving. Everyone looked simply stunning in their respective attires, especially eye-catchers like Eva Abenuana, Moneybank CM Ricky Benavidez, and Pat's favorite auntie, Josephine "Jojo" E. Zabarte.

The bride looked angelic in her immaculately white wedding gown beautifully designed by talented southern couturier Randy Ortiz. Everyone was breathless as she marched her way to the altar, and not a few had tears welling up their eyes (including the groom), pakinggan.

The ceremony was simple and solemn, presided over by Fr. Antonio Samson, S.J., president of Ateneo de Davao, and a family friend of the groom. The voices of the super choir, made up of Filipinos living in Bangkok, added to the very touching experience.


THE GROOM plays the sax, a surprise performance for the bride.


SAMANTHA and Christoph Anastas, the flower girl and the ring bearer


COUSIN of the bride Sharon Fletcher and husband Fritz Anastas


THE GROOM'S parents, Antonio and Maria Fe Mauricio; and the bride's parents Tina and Jojo Riorell


THE BANGKOK gang hamming it up with the bride

After the wedding, it was off to the reception.

The contrast between the ceremony and the reception couldn't have been greater! The atmosphere suddenly switched to party mode after the ceremonies.

Right after sending the couple off, the invitees walked to the nearby pier to ride a boat that toured them along the famous banks of Chao Praya. It didn't take long before the pals and relatives of the couple assumed the role of the tour guide and started roasting the couple. The couple's friends took turns recalling incidents and funny anecdotes about the Pat and Coco, naturellement.

The couple were not around to defend themselves, since they had clocked off straight to the hotel reception after the wedding, making the no-holds-barred roasting even more fun!

And in the festive affair as the guests were, the boat docked and the guests were led to the second portion of the reception, held at the newest five-star hotel in Thailand, the Millennium Hilton Hotel, located at the other side of the river, opposite the Assumption Cathedral.

The beautiful couple received their guests at the entrance of the ballroom, Pat looking oh-so-fresh.

Guests had their pictures taken with the newlyweds underneath an elegant archway studded with beautiful flowers that only Thailand could offer.

The reception was just one dazzling activity after another, hosted by Coco and Pat's close pals Dean Aragon, regional director of Unilever who flew in from Japan; Jones Ballon, Studio 23 VJ; and Francis Del Valle, managing director of Glaxo Smith Kline and a Bangkok resident.

The affair had Thai dancers, impeccable, mouthwatering Thai food, a series of special speeches, the traditional cutting of the cake, and even a hilarious performance by some of the groom's closest pals.

All this couldn't have happened without the help of the wedding coordinators, Lilibeth Van Herwin, Gina Abastorias and Lizeth de Dios, all Filipino expat wives based in Bangkok, dahlings.

The couple's wedding day will definitely stand out as a fun and meaningful memory for everyone present—the day that handsome Coco and beautiful Pat became Mr. and Mrs. Coco Mauricio in Bangkok.

A good start to a guaranteed great life together, pakinggan!


THE MAURICIOS and the Riorells: (back) Ronnie Roy, Henri, Ina, Antonio, Maria Fe Mauricio, Pat and Coco, Christina, Jojo, Antoine, Christian Riorell and Franco Lingao. (front) Binggay, Jay, Vanessa Villalaram, Iola Cheres, Ina, Marries and Nikko, Kitty Lingao with infant Simone, Jill Riorell, Goggay and Rohairr Mauricio

Milestones

We welcome announcements of weddings and engagements. [illegible] Announcements will be printed depending on space availability and at no cost to the readers.



KAUFMAN-GAMIT
Karl B. Kaufman, son of Robert E. Kaufman and Faye B. Kaufman, will tie the knot with Charmaine B. Gamit, daughter of James G. Gamit and Maria Corazon B. Gamit, on Dec. 30, 9:30 a.m., at the Sacred Heart Parish along Scout Fuentebella, Kamuning, QC. Reception will be at Ambassador's (formerly Tomato Garden) along Scout [illegible] Avenue, South Triangle, QC.



DAVID-DAVID
Michael de Jesus David and Jara Mae de Guzman David will exchange wedding vows on Dec. 1 at Shrine of Jesus. Reception will follow at Rigodon Ballroom of Manila Peninsula. Rajo Laurel created the bride's gown while hair and makeup will be by Ka Rene Bernardo.



VERGARA-DIZON
Norberto Jose M. Vergara, son of Norberto and Melinda Vergara, will tie the knot with Agnes [illegible] C. Dizon, daughter of [illegible] and Marilyn Dizon, on Dec. 23 at the Iglesia of [illegible] Church Plaza, Manila. Reception will follow at the Pacific [illegible]. The gown is designed by Cecilia Abad.



VASQUEZ-MANALO
Raymond R. Vasquez, son of Rafael and Angeles Vasquez, will exchange vows with Cheryl A. Manalo, daughter of Roberto and Corazon Manalo, on Jan. 7, 2007 at St. Pancratius Chapel (Paco Park Church). Reception will follow at Hotel La Corona Manila. The bride will wear an Ondiko Lhamang creation.



MONTENEGRO-SANCHEZ
Dr. Manuel D. Montenegro Jr., son of Manuel and Salvacion Montenegro, will marry Marjorie G. Sanchez, daughter of Nicanor III and Marlin Sanchez, on Dec. 9, 3 p.m., at the St. John Mary Vianney Parish in Mambugan, Antipolo City. Reception will be at The Mango Farm in Mambugan, Antipolo City. Zandra Lim made the bride's gown.



MAGANA-TOLENTINO
Rowena Tolentino, daughter of Rosendo and Amalia Tolentino, will wed Jay Joseph Magana, son of Dr. Jose and Remedios Magana, on Dec. 3, 2 p.m., at St. James the Great Parish, Ayala Alabang Village, Muntinlupa City. Reception will follow at St. James Hall, Muntinlupa. The bride's gown was created by Winnie Kelong.



VILLAVERDE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
Engineer Manuel and Concepcion Villaverde will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary at Hizo Resorts, Quezon City on Dec. 2. The Mass will be officiated by Bishop Teodoro Bacani, Fr. Crispin Cardero, SVD, and Fr. Rodrigo Eguia.

Children want to break father's new romance

EMILY'S POST
Emily A. Marcelo

DEAR EMILY,

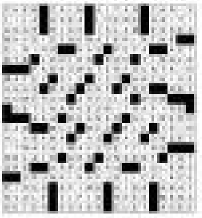
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ENTERTAINMENT

Editor: Emmie G. Velarde





IN TEARS as she says goodbye, left, holding Mr. C's hankie. At right, wearing her compromise "Miss Saigon" costume.

Last bow for Pow

By Marinel R. Cruz

THE BIGGEST HURDLE FOR Pow Chavez, the eighth contestant to be booted out of the singing talent search show "Philippine Idol," was to please supporters who "wanted me to change my look."

In an interview with Inquirer Entertainment on Sunday, Pow said, "They wanted me to say that wear a dress and show make-up. I gave in to them on some occasions but I also made sure I was still true to myself."

[illegible] Chavez was an early crowd favorite. No less than "Idol" judge Ryan Cayabyab predicted she would win the title on account of her "charm, magnetic personality and natural singing voice."

Even [illegible] TV host Kris Aquino [illegible] announced she was supporting Pow.

During the Inquirer interview, the 22-year-old admitted feeling the pressure on many occasions.

"I was scared of not meeting the expectations of my family, supporters and Mr. C (Cayabyab's nickname)," she said. "I also became very conscious of the negative feedback I got from the judges and worked very hard on improving them."

Pow said it didn't help, either, that she had to sing "I'd Give My Life For You" earlier this week in front of guest judge Lea Salonga, who actually performed the song in the musical, "Miss Saigon."

Pow also sang [illegible] "So Far So Good" in connection with the program's "Movies and Musical" theme. The song was in the soundtrack of the 1986 movie "About Last Night."

"The production staff chose the songs for us. I just tried to interpret them the best I could. I guess the viewers didn't like what I did," she said.



WITH host Ryan Agoncillo onstage

Did you get to speak with Mr. C after you were eliminated?

I approached him, hugged him and said thank you. We didn't talk; we just smiled at each other. [illegible] I was touched by the gesture. I felt that he still believed in me and was sad to see me go.

What did you give up just to be an "Idol"?

TURN TO G2

'Pambansang Best Friends'

KID FIT

MAKING "SUPER INGGO" Budoy Mendez has found a sidekick in [illegible] played by [illegible] Aquino. [illegible] the positive response from viewers of the ABS-CBN series "Super Inggo" when they appear in a scene together. [illegible] Will their friendship continue? [illegible] Budoy's transformation into Super Inggo? The series airs nightly on ABS-CBN after "Ka Pamilya, Deal or No Deal."



MAKING friends: [illegible] Aquino.

Craig succeeds as new Bond

JAMES BOND FANS WHO FELT THAT THE latest actor tapped to play Agent 007, Daniel Craig, isn't right for the plum role can now relax. The British actor not only does justice to the character, but he also infuses it with a "gruff," physical quality that calls the original Sean Connery to mind.

VIEWFINDER



Nestor U. Torre

In addition, Craig is an outstanding thespian, so director Martin Campbell has much more to play with in terms of nuance, complex motivation and depth.

It sounds weirdly inappropriate to look for "depth" in such a cliché character like Bond, but Craig provides more than the usual [illegible] character profile.

In his first outing as Bond, "Casino Royale," he initially plays it gruff, raw and unfeeling, but he ends up falling in love with lovely treasury agent Vesper, and has his heart broken when she turns against him.

That unexpectedly moving character arc imbues Bond's character with more nuance and emotion than earlier experienced, so viewers have more to empathize with.

It also helps that Eva Green, the actress who plays Vesper, is a similarly sensitive thespian who imbues her role with nuance, more insight and irony for a so-called Bond Girl.

As a result, Craig and Green's scenes together are made more compelling by their exceptionally informed performances.

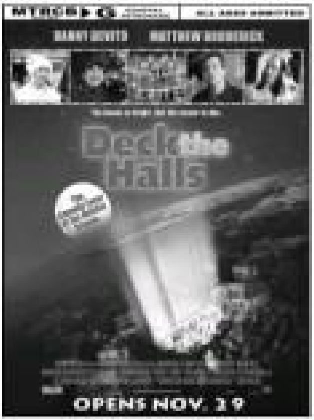
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Craig succeeds as new Bond



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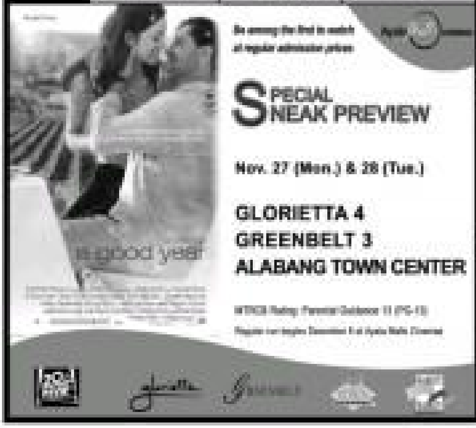
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At the Activity Center

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Three tenors star in 'Ultimate Concert'

MANILA'S THREE TENORS—life advocates Attorney Angelo Reyes, MMDA chair Bayani Fernando and former senator Joey Lina—perform in the fund-raising dinner show, "Three Tenors, The Ultimate Concert" on Dec. 4 at the Fiesta Pavilion of The Manila Hotel.

The show will promote their advocacies—the environment for Reyes, the media for Fernando and the youth for Lina.

The repertoire consists of love songs, arias, kundiman and Christmas carols.

Guests are Nonoy Vargas, Rachel Ann Go and Pops Fernandez. Angie Magbanua directs.

Call 527-0851 or call (032) 255-2032; and Dec. 9, Tagbilaran City, call (0918) 291-3008.

Aquarela at Merk's

Brazilian music comes to life Mondays at Merk's Bar Bistro, with the Aquarela band headed by the French and Filipino husband-and-wife team of Miguel and Evelyn Jansen.

Among the Filipino musicians who have joined the band are Ole Lucero on saxophone and Michael Kilacia drums.

Call 757-4728.

'BoToks' on tour

"BoToks," an "inspirational comedy concert" starring lay evangelist Bo Sanchez, is ongoing until Dec. 9.

The concert, which premiered at the Meralco Theater in Quezon City last July, also features performances by Kerygma preachers Alvin Barcelona, Arun Gogna, Obet Cabrillas, Jon Escoto, Adrian Panganiban and Elma Sinjoro.

The remaining shows are: Nov. 26, Davao City, call (0918) 929-0029; Dec. 8, Ormoc City, call (032) 255-2032; and Dec. 9, Tagbilaran City, call (0918) 291-3008.


BO SANCHEZ

November 27

Christmas, Cat-Adventure Island and Harolds Santo et Tavern on the Square, Greenbelt 2

November 28

Freestyle at Tavern on the Square, Greenbelt 3

November 29

The New Minstrels and Juan Pablo Reyes at Tavern on the Square, Greenbelt 3

November 30

MYMP and Binder at Tavern on the Square, Greenbelt 3


SHOW TIME

MICHELLE Ann Go, Joey Lina, Pops Fernandez, Bayani Fernando, Nonoy Vargas and Angelo Reyes

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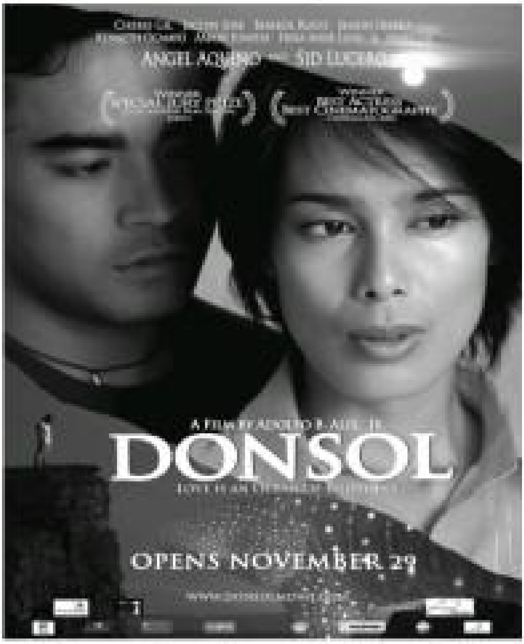
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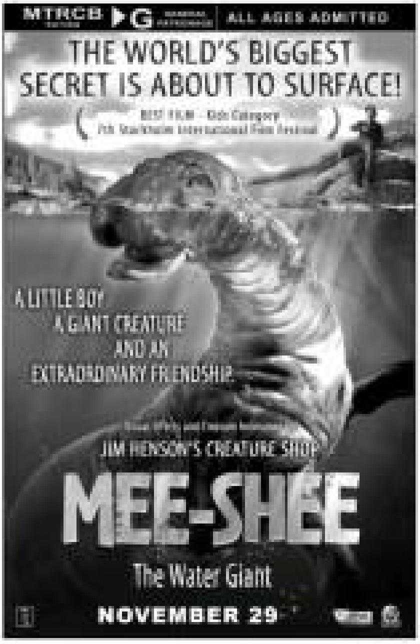
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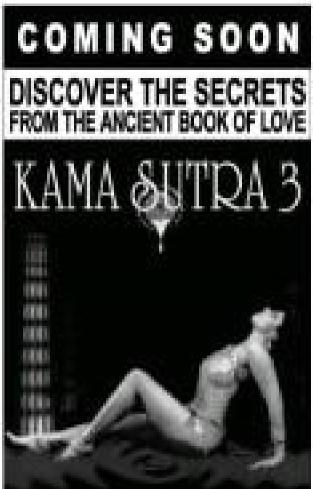
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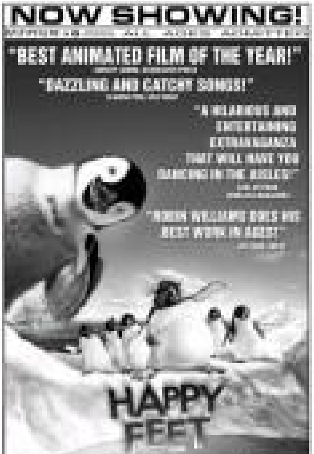
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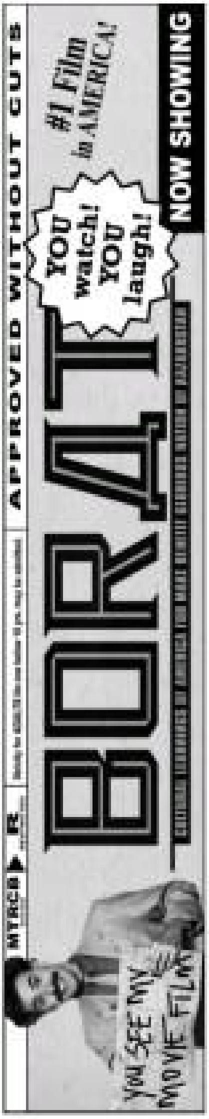
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ENTERTAINMENT



DIRECTOR Catherine Hardwicke at work on a scene in Morocco.

First film to premiere at Vatican

... but first, the director of 'The Nativity Story' had to deal with teenage star's pregnancy, a cow diva and a donkey with hemorrhoids

Only IN Hollywood

Ruben V. Nepales



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First film to premiere at Vatican

Baby watch with Claudine



RUSHES

Scooped

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Where's Keanu?

Who said that?



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THE BOYS of "Reyna"

First film . . .



THE JOURNEY: Shroud against an "incredible landscape."

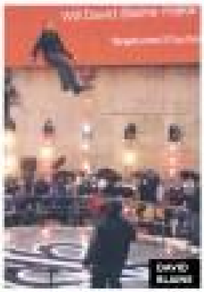
Baby watch with Claudine



MICHAEL Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones

RUSHES

Okay, that's it



DAVID BLAINE

Blaine crash-lands

But he won't sing

A toast to 007



PHILIPPE NOIRET

Philippe Noiret; 76

Pooh celebrates 80th year with Friends at Toy Kingdom



Winnie the Pooh, the most famous bear in the whole wide world, invites kids ages "Pitik" to a "huggable 80" to a Meet-and-Greet event at The Block, SM City North Edsa from November 30 to December 3, SM Mall of Asia Music Hall from December 8 to 12, and SM Megamall from December 15 to 18.

Pooh's amazing birthday event is being celebrated by Toy Kingdom, the equally amazing toy store that is home to gonna-you dozens of exclusive Pooh commemorative items.

Special Offers

A minimum ₱300 purchase of any Disney item at Toy Kingdom entitles shoppers to purchase a Pooh stuffed toy for only ₱299!!! This special offer is valid until January 7, 2007.

On the other hand, a minimum single receipt purchase of any Disney item from November 30 to December 21 entitles shoppers to a free entrance pass to the Hundred Acre Wood Fun Area.





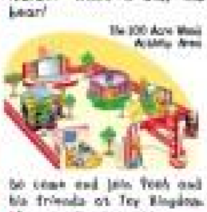
To all his fans the world over, Pooh represents enduring friendship, simple joys, and the adventurous nature of a child's imagination.



Friends Forever!

Welcome to the Hundred Acre Wood. Follow Pooh Bear as he journeys along the 100 Acre Wood to visit his friends and perhaps find some honey too! Pooh simply adores having company, so don't be shy to tag along. He says, "New friends make me feel cozy inside." What a silly old bear!

The 100 Acre Wood Activity Area



So come and join Pooh and his friends at Toy Kingdom, the amazing toy store.